

and maintain stability in prices of year. The spinning mill federations have agreed to supply hank year to pre-budget prices to the State Handloom Agencies and the National Handloom Development Corporation for onward supply to weavers. Chief Ministers of States have been requested to monitor the production of yarn by cooperative/State sector mills, and to hold regular State level reviews at the level of Secretary in-charge of textiles regarding supply, prices and distribution of hank yarn. Chief Ministers have also been advised to impress upon the District collectors to organise regular checking of the stocks and selling prices of yarn dealers in the district, with a view to prevent hoarding of yarn. Central Government on its part has issued directions to National Textile Corporation (NTC) to augment production of year of country of 40s and below where the price rise has affected the handloom weaver the most. Government of India has also reviewed the export policy of cotton yarn even though it is of vital interest for maintaining balance of payment position. National Handloom Development Corporation has been directed to step up its yarn supply operations to handloom weavers and agencies in the State. Directions have been issued to Textile Commissioner to initiate checking of yarn dealers with a view to activate dehoarding operations.

In addition to the existing ongoing schemes implemented by the Government for the development of handloom sector, the following two new schemes have also been announced recently for implementation during the current financial year in order to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the handloom weavers:-

- (i) A scheme of 'Margin Money for Destitute Weavers' which envisages sustained capital support to the cooperative societies organised by the destitute weavers.

The scale of assistance provided under this scheme is @Rs.2000/= per destitute member subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh per society.

- (ii) The second scheme is called 'Development of Integrated Handloom Villages'. During the first year of its implementation, 24 villages spread throughout the country will be taken up for development under this scheme.

Alleged Irregularities in Advancing Loans by Nationalised banks in Mukerian, Punjab

3723. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of nationalised banks in Mukerian in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab;

(b) the details of the loans advanced to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections for self-employment under the various schemes in and around Mukerian by these branches during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints about irregularities in sanctioning of loans;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There are 5 branches of Public Sector banks at Mukerian in Hoshiarpur district of Punjab.

(b) District-wise data on the advances

for SC/ST is not available with Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, the outstanding advances of public sector banks to scheduled castes/scheduled tribes beneficiaries in Punjab are given below:

	(Rs. in crores)
December, 1988	106.7
September, 1989	119.6
March, 1990	129.2

(c) to (e) The complaints relating to sanctioning of loans and irregularities by any official of banks, whenever received by Government, RBI or the banks are looked into the appropriate authorities for taking remedial action.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance for State Road Projects

3724. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World bank has provided loan assistance for some State road projects;

(b) if so, the details of the projects being implemented, State-wise; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c). A statement giving details about the State Roads Projects presently under implementation under World Bank assistance, including their likely cost, is annexed.

STATEMENT

World Bank Assistance for State Road Projects

Details of World Bank Aided Project (State Highways)

Sl. No.	Project & length	Estimated cost (Rs. in crores)
Bihar (Total Rs. 143.60 crores or US \$99 million)		
1.	Bhagalpur Bridge across Ganga (4 Kms)	46.03
2.	Approaches to Bhagalpur bridge (14 Kms)	7.10
3.	Hajipur-Mazaffarpur road (51Kms)	16.90
4.	Sonepur-Chappra road (50 Kms)	21.50
Maharashtra (Total Rs. 126.5 crores or US \$ 87 million)		
1.	Ahmednagar-Koparagaon road (95 Kms)	10.17
2.	Pune-Ahmednagar road (113.6 Kms)	23.41